

## BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors	Action
	Mr Bob Dolan (BD) (KA) Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ) Mr Rob Crittall (RC) Mrs Christine Wynne (CW) Mr Nigel Osbourne (NO) Ms Phillipa Chapman (PC) Ms Cathy Hamilton (CH) Mr John Havill (JH)	
	<b>In attendance:</b> District Councillor Mr Geoffrey Miller (GM), members of the public 10	
78/12	<b>Apologies:</b> Mr Kevin Aldred, Mr Graham Hinks, Mr Michael Ross	
79/12	<b>Matters arising:</b> No matters arising from the previous minutes	
80/12	<b>District Councillors report:</b> GM The District Council are currently setting the council tax for next year, the DC are looking at a £450,000 budget cut there is still some discussion as to what the changes in the council tax bands will be but it is expected to approximately be £2. £38 million will be spent in Dorset on the improvement to broadband, the contract is currently out to tender. JH Questioned Mr Miller on the decision taken by NDDC to further fund Blandford Leisure facilities when budgets are due to be cut. There is potential for a break in the contract after 3 years but NDDC look to pay in full for 10 years. Mr Miller said he would look into the matter.	GM
81/12	<b>County Councillors report:</b> None present	
82/12	<b>Police report:</b> None present	
83/12	<b>Public Session:</b> Mrs Alma Floyd – Has investigated the matter of the water trough and has been advised that the landowner's permission behind it will be needed before any work can be carried out. Can the PC please write to the landowner to ask for this? JH this looks to be a reasonable request for funding out of the village husbandry budget. CH / JH discussed the need to ensure that proper maintenance records are kept and a plan put in place to ensure this can be maintained prior to any problems arising. Mr Len Roberts – There have been a lot of problems with drains and gullies especially across the road from lower church gate, and the continued problems on the road around Old Rectory Farm. A lot of water is coming straight down Back Lane as the gullies are blocked their too. NO – has reported many of these to highways and will chase as the last time a team went the road was flooded. Mr Steve Scott – There is a concrete pipe from the Coach House to Back Lane which has a shallow gradient making it slow to clear. JH – suggested that given we regularly have problems in these areas, over the next year we should produce a map that will show how often they need to be cleared and maintained. We need to ensure also that all landowners are involved and responsible. Mr Steve Scott has produced a map for part of Kington Magna and would be happy to share this. We should also ask Highways and Wessex Water to see if they also have maps / plans we can use.	Clerk  Clerk / NO
84/12	<b>Planning: Update on the current application for Henstridge Airfield</b> AJ – We have made strong representation to NDDC and SDDC and are very pleased with the support NDDC has given with	AJ

	respect to the current application. The noise assessment was published on SSDC website and we have raised concerns on the validity and its findings, many thanks to Steve Scott for completing a report on the assessment which we have submitted to SSDC and as of now a senior Environmental Health Officer has advised rejection of the application based on the report. On the 9 <sup>th</sup> January a barrister is coming from London who specialises in EHO and local authority issues. There is currently a lot of noise coming from the airfield at weekends from motor cross - BD Marnhull PC are looking into this. CW previously there was an agreement as to how many days it could be used but this has expired.	
85/12	<b>Progress report on removal of travellers from Five Brigdes</b> – CW received a letter from David Ayre after attending the last PC meeting. DCC are looking to remove the travellers by March 2013 any further evidence the PC or residents can provide would be most helpful. CW has responded to the letter offering full support.	CW
86/12	<b>Play Area in Kington Magna:</b> CH – Have looked into access and will be arranging a meeting with the committee.	CH
87/12	<b>Chairmans report:</b> BD – Happy New Year; we have found several old ghosts have returned to haunt us. We have reduced our rate demand but how that shows up on the household bill is still undecided. Representatives from the PC attended a District wide meeting to further understand it. There is a possibility that second homes and empty homes may well be included in the new charge. It looks that it will be an interesting year ahead.	
88/12	<p><b>Responsible financial officers report:</b> AJ The reconciliation is on track and we have made our final payment to GCLT. Dorset will lose around £3 million in the current proposed changes which is likely to mean that those unemployed will be expected to help meet the demand whilst other benefits should remain unaffected but we still have to wait and see.</p> <p>AJ Propose that we accept the budget as set out. CW second. All in favour and agreed.</p> <p>Len Roberts – is there allowance in the budget to help cover any unforeseen costs regarding the airfield and travellers? JH do we need to set aside any capital resources to allow the Parish to be self sufficient on certain areas? AJ – It would be good to consult with the villages on future projects, JH has been done in the past but no one came forward to help run the projects. CW – Small projects can be backed up by the PC that effect day to day lives. NO – can we put a regular item on the agenda for these projects and set up working groups as and when needed. JH a tentative list of items that people are concerned about would give us a candidate list of projects to be worked on. AJ – Do we need criteria? CH – If we allow everyone a voice we can then decide what we can do and achieve. A letter to go on notice boards and into parish and village newsletters. Mr Kerry Ingram – Can we include overgrown footpaths and dog fouling as our first items?</p>	
89/12	<b>Clerks report:</b> Only one item of correspondence to report back on, that is a 'wildlife champion' AQA Award Scheme Volunteer training. All agreed that the scheme was a good idea. All councillors to approach any appropriate resident, CH to collate and email names	CH

	forward. We have heard from the culprit who damaged one of the grit bins, he is arranging for a replacement.	
90/12	<p>Other reports: <b>Highways</b> – NO - no further issues other than those discussed already.</p> <p><b>Footpaths</b> – CH – The Paths for Communities funding would give us potential to look at partnerships between relevant bodies to improve the network of public rights of way. Would like to open this up to the villagers to see what needs most work. BD we should communicate with Tim Cox who has looked into this in the past. PC and John Williamson who will be able to help. BD Tim Marshall works for English Heritage and may well be able to help. JH – the PC could pay for an hour of Village Husbandry time in each village.</p> <p><b>Public transport</b> – CH nothing to report</p> <p><b>Parish burial ground</b> – AJ We are still waiting for the signage but nothing further to report.</p>	CH
91/12	<b>Items for the next agenda</b> – Speed limits and village husbandry projects.	
92/12	<b>Date of next meeting: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Kington Magna Village Hall – 7.00pm Kington Magna Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30 Full Parish Council meeting.</b>	
	<p>Close of meeting 8.50</p> <p>Signed ..... Date</p>	